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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.
3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (121200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and CC2 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). Attacked south and gained up to five miles on a fifteen-mile front. The 9th Zouaves reached the MURG River at GAGGENAU R4322, seized a bridge intact and secured a small bridgehead. Other units crossed the MURG River in the vicinity of R3826 and captured KUPPENHEIM R3825. The 21st Colonial Infantry captured STEINMAUERN R3333. Front line change: R3135 - MURG KANAL - MURG River - KUPPENHEIM R3825 - MURG River GAGGENAU R4322 - LOFFENAU R4819.

I French Corps. 1st French Armored Division. (Less CC2). Combat Command "3" moved to KARLSRUHE R4845.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Combat Command "4" of the 5th French Armored Division supported the division. The latter attacked south on a six-mile front and gained up to two and one-half miles. Front line change: R5020 - R5419 - R5518 - R5820 - R5923 - R6223 - R6224 - R6225. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Made no further advances. The division reorganized.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th, 44th and 103d Divisions. All no change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Fighting continued in HEILBRONN S0861. The 398th Infantry attacked east, gained up to one mile and reached WALDAU S0770. Captured JAGSTFELD S0671. Front line change: S0770 - S0671. 63d Division. The 254th Infantry crossed the KOCHER River in the vicinity of S3979 and secured a small bridgehead. The 255th Infantry passed into the bridgehead seized by the 253d Infantry in the vicinity of S3479. Front line change: S3979. 10th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" crossed into the 63d Division bridgehead over the KOCHER River in the vicinity of S3479. The 324th Infantry (44th Div) was relieved from attachment and attached to the 4th Division. The 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron covered the area S5479 - S6280.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. (With 324th Inf atchd). The 324th Infantry (44th Div) was relieved from attachment to the 10th Armored Division and attached to the 4th Division. The 324th Infantry held the line from the vicinity of S6280 to S5686. The 22d Infantry attacked south and gained up to one mile on a four-mile front. Front line change: S6280 - S5686 - S5587 and S5495 - S5995 - S6097. 12th Armored Division. (Less CCA). Combat Command "R" attacked southeast, gained up to four miles and reached RUDOLZHOFEN N8305. Combat Command "B" attacked southeast, passed through CASTELL N8830, gained up to eight miles and captured MARKT BIEART N9420. Front line change: N8305 and N9420 - N8830. 42d Division. (With CCA 12th Armd Div atchd). The 222d Infantry captured OBERNDORF N7661. The 242d Infantry cleared the enemy from one-third of SCHWEINFURT N7863 against very strong opposition. The 232d Infantry attacked south on a three-mile front and gained up to two and one-half miles. Front line change: N7661 and N7866 - N8066 - N8266 - N8269.

XV Corps. 3d Division. (With CCB 14th Armd Div atchd). The 7th Infantry attacked southeast on a two-mile front, gained up to three miles and entered MECHENRIED N9569 and RUGHEIM N9871. Front line change: N9270 - N9569 - N9871. 45th Division. Attacked southeast against light resistance, gained up to six miles on a five-mile front and reached DITTERSWIND 00678. Front line change: 00174 - 00678. 106th Cavalry Group. Covered the area 01772 - 02373.

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21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

VIII Corps. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Crossed the ALLER River in the vicinity of CELLE X5849 and secured a bridgehead three and one-half miles wide and up to two miles deep. Front line change: X6248 - X6153 - X5750. 6th Airborne Division. Units captured WIEKENBERG X4250. The remainder of the division continued regrouping. Front line change: X5450 - X4250 - X3250.

XII Corps. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). The 158th Brigade crossed the ALLER River in the vicinity of X0673 and secured a small bridgehead. The 71st Brigade passed into the bridgehead and expanded it to a width of five miles and a depth of up to two miles. Front line change: X1267 - X1368 - X1269 - X1170 - OTERSEN X0872 - X0774. 3d Division. (With 52d Rcn Regt atchd). The 9th Infantry Brigade was relieved from attachment to the 7th Armored Division and reverted to command. The 8th Brigade attacked north, gained up to one-half mile and reached the vicinity of W6584. The 52d Reconnaissance Regiment (52d Div) was attached to the division. Front line change: W6584. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). The 9th Infantry Brigade reverted to the command of the 3d Division. The division concentrated in the area west of NIENBURG X0050. 52d Division. (Less 52d Rcn Regt). The 52d Reconnaissance Regiment was attached to the 3d Division. Units of the division concentrated in the vicinity of HOYA W9569.

XXX Corps. 51st Division. The 152d and 154th Brigades attacked northeast on a seven-mile front, gained up to twenty-five miles and reached GOLDENSTEDT W4665. Front line change: W2744 - W3451 - W4665 - VECHTA W3759 - W1653. Guards Armored Division. The 5th Guards Armored Brigade attacked northeast and gained up to nine miles. Captured HERBERGEN W1161. Division reconnaissance units on the right flank reported ESSEN W1358 clear of the enemy. Front line change: W0459 - W1358 - W1765 - W1065. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). Attacked northeast on a nine-mile front and gained up to fourteen miles. Captured LASTRUP W0866, VIMMEN V9664 and WACHTUM V9866. Front line change: W1067 - W1669 - W1169 - W0570 - W0272 - W0070 - V9866 - V9664.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked northeast on a four-mile front and gained up to four miles against light opposition. Captured MARKHAUSEN W0683, NEULORUP W0087 and NEU ARENBERG W0186. Front line change: W0683 - W0689 - W0289. Polish Armored Division. Attacked north on a thirteen-mile front and gained up to thirteen miles. Liberated 1,700 Polish prisoners of war. Front line change: V5776 - V6696 - V5696 - V4591 - V5182. 2d Canadian Division. (With 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). Attacked north, gained up to five miles and reached ASSEN V2189. Front line change: V2168 - V2277 - V2178 - V2189 - V1981. 3d Canadian Division. The 9th Canadian Infantry Brigade attacked north, crossed the OVERIJSSELSCH HANKALE KANAAL in the vicinity of Z9730 and reached the line Z9731 - Z9832. Front line change: V0129 - Z9830 - Z9832 - Z9731 - Z9819. 1st Canadian Division. Expanded its bridgehead over the IJssel River in the vicinity of Z9302 to a width of three miles and up to four and one-half miles in depth. Front line change: Z9004 - Z8604 - E9099.

I Canadian Corps. 49th Division. The 56th Brigade launched an attack across the NEDER RIJN River in the vicinity of E7676 during the night of 12/13 April. Secured a bridgehead up to two and one-half miles wide and one mile deep. Front line change: E7976 - E7977 - E7677 - E7577. 5th Canadian Armored Division. (With 1st Bel Bde atchd). Command of its sector of the line passed to the 1st Canadian Armored Brigade. The division concentrated in the vicinity of E8673.

AIR. (12 Apr). Eighth Air Force: No bomber operations because of unfavorable weather. 95 fighter aircraft sortied to support the Ninth Air Force medium bombers. No claims or losses. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: 232 medium bombers attacked an ordnance depot at KIMPTEN K9505 and a railroad bridge at UNTER KOTZAU J9601. 1 bomber was lost. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,095 fighter/fighter bomber sorties in support of the bomber operations, on fighter/fighter bomber sweeps and on armed reconnaissance. 4 fighters were lost. Claims included 117 enemy aircraft destroyed on the ground, 891 motor transports, 232 railroad cars and 21 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Light showers in the south: Clouds: Scattered and low. Visibility: 1 - 4 miles at dawn, becoming over six miles by 1000B, but limited to one mile in local showers. Wind: 4 mph, south. Temperatures at LUXEMBOURG: Maximum 67° F. Minimum 49° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Resistance on the army front was moderate and scattered. Enemy losses were estimated as heavy and our losses as light. (Army Troops). 70th Division. No change. 474th Infantry (non-div). No change.

XII Corps. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved from attachment to the 71st Division and operated on corps flank in the vicinities of 04178 and 04377. Front line change: 04178 - 04377. 11th Armored Division. Gained up to fourteen miles southeast on a nine-mile front. Front line change: 04879 - 05079 - 05774 - 05783 - KRONACH 05588. 71st Division. Advanced up to three miles south and east over difficult terrain. Front line change: 03186 - 03285 - 03785 and 04297 - OVERLIND 04599. 26th Division. Gained nine miles east on a nine-mile front. Captured SONNEBERG J4401 and reached STEINACH J4309. Front line change: SONNEBERG J4401 - STEINACH J4309 - J4511 - J4714. 90th Division. Gained ten miles east on an eleven-mile front. Front line change: J4916 - J5317 - J5320 - J5227 - J5329 - J5231 - J5335.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Advanced up to twelve miles east on a ten-mile front. BAD BLANKENBURG J4937 was captured. Front line change: J5237 - J5340 - J5041 - J4546. 89th Division. Gained up to seventeen miles east on the right (south) of the 4th Armored Division (XX Corps). Front line change: J4980 - J5153 - J5655 - J5659 - J7055. 6th Cavalry Group. Maintained contact with XX Corps on the north flank.

XX Corps. 4th Armored Division. Gained up to eleven miles east. Combat Command "A" reached J8864 and Combat Command "B" reached J8568. Front line change: J8864 - J8568. 80th Division. Attacked east and reached JENA J7065. Units of the division mopped up in rear areas. Front line change: J6964 - J6967 - J7365 - J6767 - J6170. 76th Division. Attacked south and reached the SAALE River in the vicinity of J7674 while other units of the division mopped up behind the 6th Armored Division. Front line change: J7674 - J8480. 6th Armored Division. Gained up to twenty-four miles east. Combat Command "B" reached the WEISSE River in the vicinity of ZEITZ K0881 and PEGAU K1595. Front line change: K0080 - ZEITZ K0881 - PEGAU K1595. 3d Cavalry Group. Screened the corps south flank.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 11th Infantry. No change. 20th Armored Division. No change.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Gained up to eighteen miles east on a twenty-mile front. Stiff resistance was encountered in the vicinity of WEISSENFELS J9597, but elsewhere the opposition was light. Front line change: K0983 - K1490 - K1498 - E0304 - D9110 - D8717. 69th Division. Mopped up behind the 9th Armored Division. 2d Division. Mopped up behind Combat Command "B" of the 9th Armored Division.

VII Corps. 3d Armored Division. (With 414th Inf atchd). Attacked east and gained fourteen miles on a seven-mile front against moderate resistance. Front line change: D7524 - D6831 - D6232 - D6535 - D6340. 104th Division. (Less 414th Inf). Mopped up in rear of the 3d Armored Division. 1st Division. (With 4th Cav Gp atchd). Attacked east into the UNTER HARZ Mountains and gained six and one-half miles on a ten-mile front. CLAUSTHAL-ZELLERFELD C7960 was captured against moderate opposition. Front line change: C8343 - C8416 - C8155 - C7960. 9th Division. Attacked north from the vicinity of UFTRUNGEN B2527 and captured WOLFSBERG D3353 after an advance of three miles. Front line change: WOLFSBERG D3333.

III Corps. 5th Division. (Less 11th Inf). Gained up to five miles west on a three-mile front against light resistance. ENKHSN B1508 was captured. Front line change: B2008 - B1612 - B1209. 7th Armored Division. Advanced up to eleven

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miles west on a six-mile front against scattered resistance. Front line change: B1007 - B0705 - NEUENRODE G0398 - G0897. 99th Division. Advanced west against moderate opposition a distance of nine miles on a four-mile front. Front line change: G1098 - G1094 - G1192 - G1591.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 86th Division. (Less 341st Inf.). Advanced six miles northeast on a five-mile front and reached LUDENSCHIED F9291 against light resistance. Front line change: G0990 - G0488 - G0186 - LUDENSCHIED F9291. 8th Division. Gained five miles west on a seven-mile front. Front line change: F8493 - F8094 - F7591 - F7489. 78th Division. Advanced up to seven miles on a nine-mile front and captured WIPPERFURTH F7680 against light opposition. Front line change: WIPPERFURTH F7680 - F7274 - F7169 - F7566. 97th Division. (With 341st Inf atchd). Gained five miles northwest on a six-mile front. Front line change: F7161 - F6658 - F6455. 13th Armored Division. Consolidated positions and attacked northeast. Combat Command "B" reached BURSCHEID F5676. Front line change: F5959 - BURSCHEID F5676 - F5261.

NINTH ARMY. XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. Attacked south and gained three miles on a five-mile front against light resistance. Commenced the relief of the 79th Division. Front line change: A3112 - A3413 - A3515 - A4014. 79th Division. Commenced the relief of the 35th Division while in process of relief by the 17th Airborne Division. 35th Division. Attached to the XIX Corps and commenced movement to its new corps zone. 75th Division. Gained two and one-half miles south on a three-mile front against crumbling resistance. The 320th Infantry reverted to command of the 35th Division. Front line change: A7410 - A7612 - A7711 - A7813 - A7914. 95th Division. (With 15th Cav Gp atchd). Advanced up to six miles south on a five-mile front against heavy resistance. Front line change: A8123 - A8122 - A8422 - A8715 - A8916 - A9017 - A9217. 8th Armored Division. Reached the line of the RUHR River. Relieved from attachment to the XVI Corps and placed in army reserve. Combat Command "B" was attached to the XIX Corps and closed in the vicinity of X9200. The 194th Glider Infantry reverted to command of the 17th Airborne Division. Front line change: A9419 - B0249.

XIX Corps. 83d Division. The 330th Infantry attacked south from the vicinity of C9071 against fanatical resistance and gained two miles on a three-mile front. The remainder of the division advanced up to twenty-five miles east against light opposition. Front line change: C8867 - C9067 - C9365 and D7867 - D8582 - D7782 - D7383. 2d Armored Division. (With 119th Inf atchd). Seized a bridgehead across the ELBE River in the vicinity of D7487. Combat Command "A" attacked north and gained up to seven miles on a five-mile front. The division encountered only light resistance. Front line change: D7487 - D7588 - D7294 - D7193 and Y6205 - Y6108 - Y5309. 30th Division. (Less 119th Inf). Advanced up to forty-two miles east against little resistance. Front line change: Y2714 - Y4227 - Y5730 - Y6238. 113th Cavalry Group. Operated on the corps left flank.

XIII Corps. 5th Armored Division. Gained up to fifty miles northeast. Combat Command "R" reached the ELBE River at WHITTENBERGE Y7095 and in the vicinity of Y7886 while Combat Command "A" reached the river in the vicinity of Y8747. Opposition was negligible. Front line change: ELBE River vicinity TANGERMUNDE Y8747 and Y7886 - WHITTENBERGE Y7095. 102d Division. Continued mopping up in the vicinity of GIFFHORN X9135. The 407th Infantry passed to corps control. 84th Division. Gained up to fifteen miles northeast against light and scattered resistance on a fourteen-mile front. Front line change: X9450 - X7751 - X7252. 11th Cavalry Group. Advanced northeast and reached WERBEN Y8681.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 106th Division, 66th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. 109th Infantry. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 122400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	70,097	286,961	36,068	9,603	402,729
Non-battle					300,332
				Total Casualties	703,061

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7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: 3d Algerian Division MAULBRONN R7845; 12th Armored Division N7630.

21 Army Group: VIII Corps X2841; 43d Division V9658; 1st Canadian Division E9878; 2d Canadian Division V1048; 3d Canadian Division Z9919; 5th Canadian Armored Division E8972; Guards Armored Division W0860.

12th Army Group: VIII Corps OHRDRUF J1152; XII Corps EISFELD J2507; XIX Corps OSTERWICK D0479; 8th Division F9378; 26th Division J3204; 30th Division Y2317; 65th Division H9959; 71st Division CCEURG 03089; 76th Division J5381; 75th Division A7028; 80th Division J2361; 83d Division D7774; 86th Division G1281; 87th Division J3647; 90th Division J3125; 99th Division G2288; 2d Armored Division D4892; 5th Armored Division Y5268; 7th Armored Division B2002; 11th Armored Division 00587.

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